

I oppose this petition as it seeks to reduce the requirements for Amateur licensure which would result in less capable operators on the HF bands.

The petitioner states that Morse proficiency serves no useful purpose in the 21st century. I disagree.

The unique effectiveness of Morse communication on HF has not changed just because we entered a new century or because of an international regulatory dumbdown.

Morse is still the most reliable, efficient, and simple communication mode on HF and so should remain a skill requirement for those interested in becoming useful communicators.

I urge the Commission to dismiss this petition as it seeks to degrade Amateur Radio rather than improve it.

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